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Hon'ble Sri C Subramaniam is seen in the Centre. Mrs. S. P. Williams is proposing the vote of thanks.

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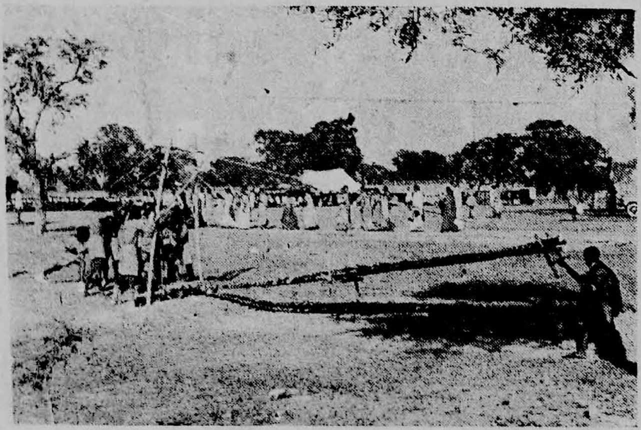
Folk Dance by Guides



The Draw Bridge is being lowered for the inspection of the Hon'ble Minister for Education.

Sri Madhava Raja, Raja of Kollengode is delivering his speech. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner is to his right

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OURSELVES

Summer Rural Service Camp: We have published a list of Camps that are scheduled to be run during summer months under the Government of India scheme of Youth Camps, in our State. About 2000 Scouts and Guides are expected to take part in these Camps. We hoped that more districts would come forward to organise such Camps, but evidently they are not able to do so. If we could receive some more applications from districts if they have made arrangements already, they may send them to us immediately and we shall see if they can also be included. As soon as we hear from the authorities concerned, we shall inform the respective districts. In the meantime they can go on with the arrangements for holding these Camps. We wish the Campers all success.

Editor.

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OURSELVES

22nd February: The birth day of Lord Baden Powell and also the birth day of Lady Baden Powell, the World Chief of Girl Scouts, both are on the same day, 22nd February This day therefore is a great day for Scouts both boys and girls. Throughout the world this day was observed in the best scouty manner possible by millions of Scouts and Guides. The Girl Scouts regard this as the "Thinking Day" and the World Association has introduced the 'Thinking Day Fund' to be collected from all at the rate of say one penny or one anna to be used for the benefit of Girl Scouting throughout the world. "The principle work of the World Association is to help and to encourage Guiding and Girl Scouting throughout the World, so that as many children as possible may benefit from and enjoy this great movement." "A Guider in Belgium thought of this idea and gave it to the Lady Baden Powell to hand on to all others and in doing so she says, "if you feel you can spare just a tiny personal offering for your sister Guides and Girl Scouts of other lands, then give your penny straight away to your Leader and ask her to send it to the World Association—then we shall have to call it Thanking Day instead" Out of this fund many good things are done and one very important matter is the exchange programme between countries and countries and training of leaders in World centres.

We have received reports of the observance of this day in a fitting manner by our Scouts and Guides throughout our State. We are indeed grateful to the two great benefactors of the world, the Chief Scout and the Chief Guide.

Scout Carnival: The high light of our activities during the past month is the holding of a Scout Carnival at Coimbatore. A full report of the Carnival by Mr. T. R. Sundaram Pillai, the Secretary of the Carnival is published elsewhere. As one who was present at the Carnival, I bear testimony to the fact that this Carnival was an eye-opener, of the many possibilities of the Scout Movement; given the opportunities, both boys and girls always rise to the occasion and acquit themselves most creditably by doing their best in every way. This Carnival was responsible in bringing out the best in every one who took part, much to the admiration of the parents and the public and has infused confidence in the workers giving them an insight as to the manner in which such undertakings should be planned and worked out. No doubt funds can be raised by such activities, but more than funds, the fine opportunities that are given, to our children are something far more valuable than the former. This Scout Carnival should be an annual event in every District and for a duration of atleast three to five days if not a week, in order that the benefits that can come out of this are made possible for every District and every local Association. Groups here and there do raise funds, do put up shows and entertainments and raise their own yearly funds for Camping, Rallies etc., etc A combined effort has been so harmoniously managed at this Carnival at Coimbatore by the Scouts and Guides trying to vie with each other in the most brotherly and sisterly way as a happy family. In fact the girls did better than the boys which speaks of the inherent true Leadership, that is possible if given the opportunity.

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SUMMER RURAL SERVICE CAMPS BY 2000 SCOUTS AND GUIDES

S. No.	Name of the Sponsoring authority	Nature of the work to be done in the camp	Dates & Duration of the Camp	Strength of the camp	Nearest Railway Station or big Town from the place of project work
1.	Salem District Association, 83, Second Agraharam, Salem.	Laying a road connecting the Attur Town to Paithur Village for a distance of about five miles.	4th May 1955 (3 weeks)	300	Attur, Salem District
2.	The Ramanathapuram Dt. Association, New Street, Sivaganga, Ramnad Dt.	Attending to the sanitary and hygienic condition of the village, filling with earth the ruts in the tank bunds, the streets and the feeder roads; improvement for the layout and upkeep of the lanes and streets, improving the conditions of the wells that supply drinking water; educational and health survey to collect facts about their needs and general advice and instruction and recreational activities.	May 1955	60	Vembatur and Kalloorani, Sivaganga Taluk
3.	South Chingleput Dt. Association, 7-a, Old Police Lines, Chingleput.	Renovation of a tank at Vallipuram in Tirukalikundram.	May 1955 (3 weeks)	300	Tirukalikundram, Chingleput District
4.	South Arcot Dt. Association, 3, Venugopalapuram, Cuddalore N T.	Channel clearance and Road formation in Thiruvamur, 5 miles from Panruti. Channel clearance from Malater river to the pond tank. Road construction from Panruti to Kosamaducheri, one mile from Thiruvamur to Komachipet Cheri	May 1955 (3 weeks)	50	Panruti block area, S. Arcot District
		Formation of a cart track to the *Harijan* quarters of Serakuppam from V.L A. Road and to Arangamangalam Harijan quarters from Rajakuppam.	(3 weeks) in May 1955	50	Kurunjipadi Firka, S. Arcot District
5.	Madras Divisional Council, 135, Anna Pillai St, Madras 1.	Road works programme in Uttukottai & Trivellore blocks	May 1955 (3 weeks)	400	Uttukottai block, Chingleput District
		Mud House construction programme, Kadambatur blocks.	do	250	Kadambatur block, Chingleput District
				150	Trivellore block, Chingleput
6.	Mathurai Dt. Association, 41, North Avani St, Mathurai	Laying a road for a total distance of 4 miles connecting 3 villages, from Mangammal Salai between Villur and Marvapatti Villages.	1st May 1955 for (3 weeks)	300	Kalligudi Railway Station on Mathurai—Virudhunagar line

SCOUT & GUIDE CARNIVAL

COIMBATORE

WITH a view to give a fillip to our Movement and with a view to bring the parents and the public into closer co-operation with those who are in charge of the working of the Movement and incidentally raise funds for the State and District Associations, the Coimbatore District Association resolved to hold a Scout & Guide Carnival. This resolution of the General Body was implemented by constituting a separate committee called "The Carnival Committee" consisting of all the members of the Executive Committee of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, District Association, Coimbatore, and other leading non-official ladies and gentlemen At the first meeting of this Carnival Committee, various sub-committees were formed for speedy and efficient work.

A circular was sent to all the heads of the educational institutions in the Coimbatore District appealing for co-operation. As part of the programme, a Scout & Guide craft exhibition was also arranged. Further, for the purpose of giving some pastime enjoyments, some games of skill, like darts, ring board, coin throw, cocoanut shy, aerial ropeway, Japanese balls, Ping-pong, ball in the bucket, kicking the foot ball, coin in water, lighting of candle, shooting gallery, with a small charge for each etc., were arranged.

With the kind permission of the Government and the courtesy of the Inspector General of Prisons and the Superintendent of the Central Jail, Coimbatore, the spacious compound within the residential bungalow of the Superintendent, Central Jail, and quite close to the Chidambaram Pillai Park, was chosen as the venue for the Carnival. The whole area was beautifully lit with electric lights. A big tent was pitched in front of the play circle which served as the Pavillion. For the exhibition refreshments and games, a number of stalls were put up.

The entertainment programme consisted also of a drama in Tamil entitled "Chandrasekaran" enacted by the Coimbatore Central Jail Dramatic Troupe and a Kathakali performance by the Raja's High School Troupe, Kollengode.

The Carnival was inaugurated on Friday the 4th February 1955 by Hon'ble Sri C. Subramaniam, Minister for Finance, Education, Courts and Prisons. On arrival he was received by Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, Sri V. S. Ratnasabapathy, State Secretary, Sri. J. I. Muthiah, State Organising Commissioner, and Sri. V. C. Subbiah Gounder, Asst. State Commissioner The Minister was given a "Posse of welcome" by the Scouts and Guides He went round the pioneering project works and the camp life scenes put up by the Scouts and Guides. The pioneering project works included a draw bridge, a trestle bridge and a watch tower. When the distinguished guest arrived at the pavilion, Sri. T R. Sundaram Pillai, Dist Commissioner (Scouts), received him and introduced him to all the Scouts and Guide Officers—Sri T S. Ramalingam, A D C. (Scouts), Sri. T. Raja Iyengar, A D.C (Rovers), Sri. S Arulanandham, A D.C. (Cubs), Mrs. I. Roy Chatterjee M A., T D (Lond), B T., (Cal) Dist Commissioner (Guides), Mrs Grace Arulanandham, B.A., L T., A.D.C. (Guides), Mrs. M. P. Jesudasan, Jt. Secretary of the District Association, Mr. P. D. Gnanavolivu, District Scoutmaster, Sri. C. Gnanakkan, District Cubmaster, and Mr. K R. Subramaniam, Quartermaster.

After prayer, Sri. K. Venkataswami Naidu, M L A., State Chief Commissioner, unfurled the Scout Flag. Sri. V. C. Subbiah Gounder, A.S.C., welcomed the Hon'ble Minister in a short speech. Sri. T. R. Sundaram Pillai, Dist. Commissioner (Scouts), Secretary of the Carnival Committee, gave a brief report about the organisation of the Carnival. Rising amidst cheers, the Hon'ble Minister expressed his sense of great satisfaction at the efforts taken to hold the Carnival and congratulated the Committee in appreciative terms.

He said that boys and girls should devote time to activities in the Scout Movement and such of those who have a liking for joining the N.C C or A.C.C. may also do so. *The Scout Movement, according to him, is one that deserves encouragement and he appealed to the parents to see that their boys and girls join the same in large numbers. He added that he himself was a Scout in the early days and stated that once a Scout is always a Scout.*

Mrs Susan P. Williams, Vice-President of the Committee and Vice-President of the Association, proposed a hearty vote of thanks. The Hon'ble Minister then visited the Exhibition of Scout and Guide crafts which he declared open earlier. He appreciated the work done by the Scouts & Guides. Coming along, the Hon'ble Minister was welcomed by Mrs. S. P. Williams at the Refreshment stall, where the distinguished guest and those closeby enjoyed a cup of tea. Later at 6-30 P.M. the Hon'ble Minister was received at the Jail premises theatre by the Asst. State Commissioner The District Commissioners (S) & (G) and the Superintendent, Central Jail He witnessed the drama which was put on boards. He was well impressed with the theatre and the electrical arrangements and the manner in which the actors acquitted themselves. As he had another engagement at Perianaickenpalayam, he requested Sri. K. Venkataswami Naidu to convey his feelings of satisfaction and appreciation of the actors. At the close of the play Sri. K. Venkataswami Naidu, expressed on behalf of the Hon ble Minister and on his behalf the appreciation of the performance by the Jail inmates and adequately thanked Sri. M Harischander, Supdt. Central Jail, for the same. He also thanked the public for their support

On the 2nd day of the Carnival (5-2-55) Sri. Madhava Raja, Raja of Kollengode, presided. He was welcomed by Mrs. I. Roy Chatterjee, Dist. Commissioner (G); and the Dist Commissioner (S) introduced the Scout officers to him. Sri. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy. State Secretary, in a short talk expressed his appreciation of the idea of holding the Carnival and congratulated the Committee on having taken the initiative in the State and thus stealing a march over others. The Scout Movement is the only one which takes up the building up of character of the boys and girls even from their young age. The Raja Sahib of Kollengode, in his presidential address recounted his experience as a Scout dating back to well nigh 40 years ago and expressed his great pleasure in having been able to be present on such an important occasion as this. He wished the Scout Movement the success which it richly deserves. Rao Bahadur Sri. A. T. Krishnaswami Mudaliar, President of the Dist. Association, proposed a hearty vote of thanks. At 6-30 P M. there was a Kathakali performance in the Jail premises theatre under the patronage of the Raja Sahib of Kollengode. The theme chosen for the Kathakali was Uttara Parinayam from Virata Parvam of the great epic Maha Bharatham. It was a creditable performance which was witnessed by a large gathering including a number of European ladies and gentlemen and Air Force personnel Mrs. K. Gowri Nambiar, wife of the Dist. Collector, gave away the trophy to the Kathakali troupe. Sri. T. R. Sundaram Pillai proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the Committee.

On the closing day (6-2-55) Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner presided. He was given a 'Posse' of welcome and all the Officers were introduced to him. The Dist. Commissioner welcomed the distinguished guests. Sri. J. I. Muthiah, S. O. C., who was primarily responsible for the idea of holding the Carnival and for arranging all the items of display spoke on the occasion. The President who was pleased to be present during all the three days stated that Coimbatore District had given the proper lead in organising this Carnival. He also laid stress on the philosophy of the Scout Movement, which has become a great National Organisation, and particularly after the merger of all the organisations into a unified one under the comon name of The Bharat Scouts and Guides He hoped that the other districts would take up such programme of work. Mrs. Grace W. Arulanandham, A.D.C. (Guides) proposed the vote of thanks, which was seconded by Sri T R. Sundaram Pillai in a comprehensive manner conveyed his thanks to the distinguished visitors, all the Scout and Guide colleagues, Heads of all the Educational institutions,

the children, parents, the donors for the refreshments Stall and Mrs. Williams who was in charge of the Stall, the Municipal Chairman and the heads of departments, the public, Miss Grace Joseph, Secretary of the Y.W C.A. and Mr. B. R. Bhote who were in charge of the games items and everyone who helped in an abundant measure towards the success of the Carnival. Sri T. Raja Iyengar, A. D. C. (R) read the messages received from Dr. R. M. Alagappa Chettiar, Sir C P Ramaswamy Iyer, Sri Sathrasala Venkataram Sri N D. Sundaravadivelu, D.P I , and State Commissioner Scouts and others.

On all the three days in the afternoon, there was Scout and Guide display and demonstrations by Scouts, Guides, Bulbuls and Cubs, the high light of such demonstrations was the Karagam and Kavadi entertainment by Scouter Mahalingam of Madurai, who had come here on special invitation. On the last day there was a special camp-fire with very interesting and varied items in which all participated. A large assembly appreciated the camp-fire items also. It should be said to the credit of the Scouts and Guides that within a short notice they were able to present on all the days very good items, which included a torch drill. The attendance on every day was ever on the increase. It can be stated that on the last day it was at the peak figure of about 4000. The night was pleasant. The glow of the camp-fire spread radiant light around the whole camp arena. There was perfect order. The gentle breeze of Coimbatore and the waxing full moon of the summer night gave added grace to the occasion and instilled in the minds of the visitors the intrinsic value of the programmes which were gone through with punctilious care and in time and there was perfect co-operation and understanding among all concerned. The Committee arranged for the transport on all the three days.

At the close of the function, all stood at alert and with the singing of the National Anthem, which was responded to by everyone present, the Scout and Guide Carnival came to a close at 8-30 P.M.

T. R. SUNDARAM PILLAI

District Commissioner (Scouts)
and Secretary, Carnival Committee.
21—2—55

SALEM DISTRICT

It is proposed to run Training Camps in the coming summer holidays. Those who are desirous of taking that training are requested to communicate their names, age, educational qualification and previous experience in Scouting & Guiding, if any, to me.

The duration of the Camps will be: Scoutmasters— 12 days; Guide Captains— 12 days; Cubmasters—7 days; and Flock Leaders—7 days. The Camp fees payable in advance will be Rs. 30/- for the Scout & Guide Training and Rs. 20/- for Cub and Bulbul training.

Further details about the location etc. of the camps will be sent at the end of March '55.

All particulars about these camps can be had from the undersigned.

83, Second Agraharam
Salem.

K. VARADARAJAN B.A., B.L.,
Secretary.

YOUTH SERVICE

BY

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The Aim

THE aim of the Youth Service in any country should be to help the individual boy or girl to become a good citizen, to find a useful job and earn a fair living in it, and to enjoy a satisfying personal life. One can add to this, many other subsidiary aims to help in the development of a boy into a full man with all the good attributes of manhood and manliness or in the case of a girl, the best womanhood.

Though the aim will remain fundamental throughout, the methods and the means to achieve the aim will have to naturally vary according to the changing times based on the conditions that exist in any place in relation to the traditions of the past as well as the requirements of the future In this matter it is recognised on all hands that the system of education takes the foremost place in the service of the youth with all its Universities, the Colleges, the Schools and even the very elementary and basic educational institutions There is no gain-saying the fact that the children react greatly to the type of education they get in their Schools

The System of Education

There are various criticisms in favour or otherwise of the system as obtained today It is this system that is responsible for producing the present day leaders in our country and there could be therefore no defect in it. On the other hand we often hear of criticisms against the present system that it is bookish and a good deal of cramming introduced in order to produce good results in the examinations and that the individual is not given scope for developing his initiative, personality etc, and so the reorganisation of the system that is being considered from time to time. It is not my purpose to go into this in detail, I want to consider in a broad manner the other types of Youth Service that exist, on a National and International level which offer themselves to serve the youth.

There are here and there local Youth Clubs, Athletic Clubs and Young Men's and Women's Associations etc., which try to serve the youth of a particular locality in a specialised and specific form of service. There may be Gymnasiums, Talim Khanas etc., which try to help in the development of the physique. I shall not deal with them as such. There are other youth Organisations of a countrywide nature which may be affiliated to International Bodies or not and what are they in our country? There is the Scout and Guide Movement, there is the National Cadet Corps, the Auxiliary Cadet Corps, the Balkanj Beri Movement and the Junior Red Cross etc, Let me take the Bharat Scouts and Guides Organisation in India which is a National Organisation affiliated with International Bodies and which foster International outlook in all possible ways. This well established movement has a strength of over Five Lakhs of Scouts and Guides in India and is the third in strength in the World, first being America and the Second being the British Commonwealth which includes United Kingdom, Canada, Australia etc.

The Scout Brotherhood

The work of the boy Scouts and girl Cuides Organisation is fairly well-known. The aim is to make a boy a man of him. training in character, self-reliance, discipline and service which he does by developing his physical, emotional, mental, moral and spiritual nature.

Service for others

The Scout or Guide has a Promise to keep and he does a good turn to somebody every day. It is by doing a good turn however small it may be that the Scout gets into the habit of doing service to others and one good turn becomes two and many as one goes on rendering service and

the life in the future will be covered with many good turns every day.

One special thing emphasised throughout ~~his Scout~~ career is the development of the individual personality suited to his make up, the innate quality that are potent in him. The various badge tests which are nearly 100 in number that are placed in front of him are to make him select the one that suits his temperament and interest in which he is given facilities to become proficient and which develops into a career if necessary or otherwise he has something to occupy himself in his leisure time.

Boy Leader

He has a boy leader to work with and in his turn he becomes a boy leader in his own Patrol and tries to learn the art of self-Government, and democracy The group of boys has a guide and a friend, an *Elder Brother in the Scoutmaster who* sets the example for the boys to emulate.

Camping out

All his activities are done in the open air and periodical Camps are held for these boys and girls during week-ends or for a longer duration where he learns to fend for himself and away from his home surroundings and go through the rough life of " out of doors " cheerfully and learns to rely on himself more and more as he goes on. His physical health is looked after by regular exercises and his emotional nature is developed by his association with nature and its beauty. He leads a simple life in the Camp, nevertheless a happy and enjoyable life. It is an opportunity for a Scoutmaster to study his boys in very close quarters and by individual attention, on the basis of the study, helps him in his proper growth and achievements.

Character Training

We need men and women of character and this is kept in view throughout the training that one gets in Scouting and Guiding, Rovering and Rangering etc. Out of this the senior branch of the movement, we draw office-bearers and workers since they have the background of the training which will prove useful as leaders. The movement has been in existence for many years in our country.

A new Movement

Today it is taking a new form in that it has both the boys and girls under the same Organisation and banner, since it is felt that we should make no distinction between boys and girls and should not keep them separate in the matter of general training and attention Whenever necessary they will have their specialised training, otherwise they will work as one brotherhood movement.

Many of the leading workers have given testimony to the fact that their early training as Scouts have stood them in goodstead, in their work in wider spheres today.

The parents part

The parents or boys both mothers and fathers have a great part to play in the training of a boy or the girl They have to co-operate with the voluntary organisations like the boy Scouts and Girl Guides units, in which their children are admitted so that what is done in their respective Scout groups may not be undone in their homes. There is need for greater co-operation and understanding co-operation, from the side of mothers more than fathers. In fact we believe that the mothers and fathers are better educaters and that is the reason why we should like to associate the parents and make them share the work in Scout groups.

The Schools also have a great part to play and we are happy to say that Schools are playing in a very generous and friendly manner. However the fullest advantage of the movement is yet to be taken both by the Government and the people in our country in order that the boys and girls may get the fullest benefit.

The National Cadet Corps

We have today, of recent origin, an attractive organisation the National Cadet Corps and a fairly large number have been drawn into it. They are provided with free training and camping facilities, free uniforms etc , this is regarded by some as the best organisation for the youth of the nation to join. It should be however remembered that this is directed and run by

the Defence Department to form in future a reserve for recruitment into the army, Navy and Air Forces. While perhaps this is necessary it cannot be said that this will be the only Organisation into which all the boys and girls should be admitted. That will be as unwise as it would be to compel every boy and girl in the country to join the Scout Movement. Those parents who want their children to take to the army career etc., may admit them into the National Cadet Corps, but it is not the only way to train up children to become happy, healthy and helpful citizens of tomorrow. To add to this we have the beginnings of the Auxiliary Cadet Corps, the A.C C., which again is expected to become the feeder to the N.C.C. in the long run and if the element of compulsion is introduced, the Organisation will cease to be a real youth movement. The methods adopted will not be the one that will evoke the inner response for the proper conduct of one's life, it will be one that will be enforced from outside and naturally therefore will kill the initiative in the individual.

Those methods may be necessary for a specific purpose but not those that will help to impart true citizenship training and develop one's personality with all its good attributes On the other hand the Scout method encourages self-training and inner discipline based on the principles of simple living, and a spirit of selfless service. In other words a way of life which is best suited to our country

The Gandhian Way

The Gandhian way of life is the only one that will ultimately end wars and establish peace in the world and the Scout Organisation came into being with the purpose of spreading good-will among men. The International outlook gives the scope for erasing the narrownesses as applied to castes Communities, Sex, region, or even one's own land and religion. The importance of this type of training for the youth cannot be over-emphasised.

Community Project Service

Our Scouts and Guides have with their limited resources taken part in the Community Project and National Extension Service and have done very useful work.

300 Scouts made a road for 4 miles in Puducode in Malabar; another road was laid by another camp of Scouts in Valavannur. At Senji in Tiruvellore Taluk, 300 Scouts renovated an irrigation Tank and the 4th Camp at Tirukalikundram made a road of 3½ miles distance connecting a village to the main road They have now planned to take up two Projects in each district throughout the State in the coming summer months.

Building up a new India

A useful way of spending their holidays, and associating themselves in building up a new India. They will come into contact with villagers, study their life, needs and conditions and co-operate with them, by providing the required improvements in the villages. This will give them an opportunity to erase the distinction that exists between the villager and the town-bred, educated or illiterates etc., understand the dignity of labour and the joy that comes out of self-effort in creating a new country. This is practical education and real training in true citizenship. This is part of the Five Year Plan and the 2nd Five Year Plan which are necessary to develop the country's resources.

Plan for Manhood and Womanhood

But more than this, planning is necessary for building up the manhood of the nation which includes the womanhood as well For this purpose not one Five Year Plan or two Five Year Plans will do. We need more Five Year Plans and one continuous Planning in the service of the youth of the nation, and in our opinion the Scout and Guide movement offers the best service in this matter. In this work we need youth leaders trained and equipped, with a burning desire to serve the youth, experts in recreational activities with local initiative on a voluntary basis and ability to carry out a planned programme that will help to achieve the aim we have in view. With intelligent co-operation from all concerned it ought to be possible to go forward in this work. True growth is possible only where there is *Freedom* and *Joy*.

GIRLS SCOUTS WORLDWIDE EXCHANGE

NEW YORK CITY—Youths in many parts of the world have seen American cowboys at the cinema. But comparatively few have had the thrill that came to eight young ladies from Scandinavia who visited U.S. cattle ranches this summer and saw real-life cowboys at work on the range.

The young people were Girl Rangers from Finland, Sweden, Norway & Denmark. Under an international exchange programme sponsored by the Girl Scouts of America, they spent a month at the midwest city of Wichita, Kansas There, in the flat plains region of United States, they talked to cowboys, visited wheat farmers and stayed overnight in the homes of many American families. Before the young people left for Denver, Colorado, the second part of their journey, Kansas citizens were competing for the chance to entertain the popular young Rangers.

The Girl Rangers from Scandinavia were just one contingent of the band of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides spending the summer in the United States. Under a programme supported by Girl Scout contributions to the Juliettee Low World Fellowship fund some 100 girls from Italy, Great Britain, Scandinavia, Greece, Mexico, the Philippine Republic and Latin America are currently living with families in U.S. towns, and 190 U.S. Girl Scouts are residing abroad as the guests of Scouts of other lands.

When the advance party of girls from Europe recently reached the United States, the NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE commented

"The significance of this type of exchange programme is to be measured not in terms of statistics but understanding. The process of learning is never ending and the sooner it starts the better the results it achieves".

The international Girl Scout Movement was started to increase mutual understanding. The Girl Scout organisation, according to its creed, "is dedicated to helping girls develop as happy, resourceful individuals willing to share their abilities as citizens in their homes, in their communities and in the World."

Each summer since the end of World War II, increasing numbers of U. S, Girl Scout delegates have been sent to camps and conclaves in other parts of the world. The annual Juliettee Low Session at Adelboden, Switzerland, attracts young girls from many nations. Through the process of living together, yonng people discover different cultures and new ways of life.

Most scouts who visit the United States are guests of individuals or clubs. For example, when Greek Rangers spent three days at the scenic "Trees for Tomorrow" camp at Eagle River in the State of Wiscons as members of the States Federated Women's Clubs sponsored the visit. At the camp which is financed by local lumber industries, the young Greek girls helped plant reforestation seedlings.

The curiosity of the young people is endless During trips to camps and communities they ask scores of questions of group leaders Yet not everything in the United States is strange to the young travellers.

After the Italian Rangers had arrived in the United States, they boarded a bus bound for the tiny town of Pleasantville in the State of New York to attend early church services. The driver, an Italian who had lived in the United States for 20 years, looked glum in the grey morning hours. When the first Ranger mounted the bus, chattering in Italian, however, his face suddenly lighted and by the time the bus had arrived at the church the group was singing Italian songs, led by the driver.

The girls will take many pleasant memories of new friendships back to their native lands A trip abroad, living with people of other cultures are events not soon forgotten by young people. Moreover, by word of mouth, they will pass on their experiences to friends and relatives. "It is probably no exaggeration to say that every one of them has influenced thousands of other people," says Dr. Dorothy C. Stratton, National Executive Director of the U. S Girl Scouts.

Her colleague, Mrs. Rebert Taugeman, Chairman of the Girl Scouts International

Committee, thinks the exchange programme is a chain reaction of friendship "As one generation of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides succeeds another," she writes, "the number of girls and women who have come to know each other through membership in the world's largest organisations of its type grows to millions."

Girl Scouting in the United States was founded in 1912 by Mrs. Juliette Gordon Low, who deeply believed the potential of girls 7 to 17 for developing into good citizens needed special cultivation. The first eight members, young girls from the state of Georgia, were called Girl Guides.

The idea of scouting caught the imaginations of other young people around the Nation, and Mrs. Low was soon the centre of a national movement. The girls adopted dark blue uniforms and established the first Girl Scout camp near the city of Savannah The next year a national office was opened at Washington, D. C, and by 1915 some 5,000 girls belonged to the organisation.

Today, there are more than 2,000,000 American Girl Scouts. While some of the early trends have changed over the years, the Girl Scouts have maintained their primary goals of self-government, co-operation and world peace.

Girl Scouts now wear attractive forestgreen uniforms Their activities range over a wide field, but camping and homemaking are the major Girl Scout interests. Winning a merit badge for cooking is a big event in the life of any scout.

The basic philosophy of the Girl Scout and Girl Guide Promise and Laws binds them in firiendship and understanding to girls and women of many nations. "Acceptance of this ethical code", says Mrs. Tangeman, "which pledges loyalty to God and country, service which knows no national barriers, joins hand-in-hand the Girl Scouts of the United States and their sisters throughout the world to strengthen the cause of peace and good will among nations"

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8th ALL CEYLON ROVER MOOT

This is to invite you to the 8th All Ceylon Rover Moot to be held this year in Kandy the historic Hill Capital of Ceylon. It was in Kandy that the 1st Ceylon Rover Moot was held in 1948 and since then, Rover Moots have become an annual feature in Ceylon.

Kandy has many attractions both for Ceylonese and those Overseas. First, there is the Dalada Maligawa, sacred to Buddhists the world over. Our only residential University is situated here in incomparable surroundings, as is also the famous Royal Botanical Gardens. The scenic beauty and climate of Kandy will certainly enhance the promise of a memorable Moot for you. The Moot Committee will spare no effort to make this so.

In addition to Rovers, all Senior Scouts above 17 years of age and Scouters are welcome. It is hoped that response from Rovers all over Ceylon will be better than ever before. There is much talk of the importance of South East Asia in World Affairs these days. Here's an opportunity for Rovers to blaze a trial of fraternity and mutual concord that will out-mode politicians and headlines. Come on, brother Rovers from all South-East Asia, let's get together as only Rovers can !

Dates : July 1st (evening) to 4th evening, 1955 (Monday 4th being a Govt: holiday. Put these dates (in your diary.)

Place : School of Co-operation, Polgolla, Kandy, (accommodation in Hostel)

Moot Fee : Rs. 7/50 per – head for all meals (rice & curry) exclusive of extras

(The committee is attempting to make arrangements so that wives of Mooters could be suitably accommodated)

More details and further information will follow shortly.

We expect a record foregathering of the brotherhood and look forward to your happy fellow-ship. May we have the approximate numbers attending at your earliest convenience so that arrangements could be made.

A. L. BLACKER,
Moot Leader,
8th All Ceylon Rover Moot

For further particulars, apply to the State Headquarters, P.B. 424, Madras-5.

MADURAI DISTRICT

The Bharat Scouts & Guides of Madurai District was at home to Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar, President of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, Madras State and to Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, the State Commissioner (Scouts) on Tuesday 22nd February 1955. The elite of the public as well as the heads of educational institutions and the other important members of the Association were invited to Tea.

After Tea, there was a largely attended public meeting and Sri T. S Rajam, the President of the District Association proposed Dr. Rm. Alagappa chettiar to the chair. Dr. K. G. Ramabadran, District Commissioner (Scouts) welcoming the distinguished guests and the gathering, reviewed the Scout and Guide work in the District and referred to certain problems of finance and organisation that needed immediate attention.

The warrants of appointment to Dr. (Mrs.) Eddy as District Commissioner (Guides) and to Sri K. S. Sampath as Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) were presented by Dr. Alagappa Chettiar.

Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu addressing the gathering referred to Scouting in glowing terms, focussing the attention of the public on the voluntary nature of the movement and its importance in the training of the character of the boys and girls, helping them to become good citizens with the finest ideals of service to the Country He emphasised that every educational institution, big or small, should give all possible encourgement to Scouting and Guiding. He also referred to the various organisations in the schools like N.C.C., and A C.C., and said that they cannot compete with Scouting. He mentioned that he was very doubtful if at any time it can be possible to extend the benefits of the N.C.C. Organisation to all those studying in schools, since it meant a huge expenditure. He likened Scouting to a Banian tree, which grows big with very little care and attention and appealed to the public to extend their full sympathy and support, both morally and financially in an increasing measure, So that the Movement need not depend very much on Government help, since complete dependence on the Government support will not be very healthy.

Dr. Alagappa Chettiar then addressed the gathering and referred to the increasing birthrate in our country and that it is all for good, since as per our Hindu traditions the wealth of an individual was the number of children he possessed. He said that if we take pains to see that every child is trained to do some piece of service to the Country, we need not at all be worried about the increasing birthrate. He emphasised the need for giving right training to every such boy and girl to the advantage of the Country and how scouting can do it most effectively.

Sri R. Nagaraj, Vice-President of the Association proposed a vote of thanks and Sri K. L. N. Krishnan, Secretary of the Association garlanded the distinguished guests and the meeting terminated with the singing of 'Jana Gana Mana'.

R. RAGHAVAN,
Asst. Secretary.

GOOD NEWS

It is with satisfaction we record the pleasure expressed by the villagers of Senji (Kadambathur block—N.E.S.) at their having a good storage of water recently in their irrigation tank, which was absolutely useless for several years in the past.

This tank serving about 360 acres was renovated by the Scouts and students at a service camp organised by us in May 1954 and we are glad of the good results as the outcome of this camp. We hope our Camps planned for 1955 will also prove equally useful.

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT

Rural Scout Rally at Uttiramerur

Over 300 Scouts and Cubs of the Conjeeveram Taluk met at a Rally on 5-2-55. Sri R. Govindarajalu Naidu, District Board President, presided over a Scouters' Conference, when Sri R Messiah Doss, District Commissioner, traced the history of rural Cubbing and appealed to the Scouters to take a lively interest Sri A Ramakrishna Reddiar, welcomed the Scouters. Sri Panduranga Naidu proposed a vote of thanks At the afternoon rally, Sri W. S. Krishnaswamy Naidu, High Court Judge, Madras, presided and said that the Scout Movement is the only organisation for the training of the youth. Sri T. R. Kothandarama Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner, Madras, addressed the large gathering and appealed for popular support. The District Commissioner in his speech stressed the character building aspect of the Organisation. The Camp fire was presided over by Sri M. Varadachariar and Sri A. Jawahar addressed the Scouts. We are thankful to the Reception Committee at Uttiramerur for being the hosts. Sri Edward Samuel, Assistant District Commissioner was in-charge of the rally.

Central Scout Camp at Chromepet

About a hundred Second Class Scouts from ten High Schools camped at the Chambers' Gardens, Chromepet from 11th to 14th February Sri R Messiah Doss, District Commissioner, was the Camp Officer and he was assisted by Sri D S. Gururaj and Sri Edward Samuel, Assistant District Commissioners The Camp Motto was "All for each, each for all". Mrs. Ida L. Chambers was the Patron of the Camp. The Camp was inaugurated by Sri T. R. Kothandarama Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner, whose stay in the camp for a day was a source of inspiration to all campers. Advanced training was given to the Scouts in Pioneering, First Aid, Signalling etc., by Scouters R Rajagopal, Athisayam, Vethamony and others. Sri P. Arumainayagam and Sri G. V. Pauliah ably assisted as Quartermaster and Grubmaster.

Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner visited the Camp on 13-2-55 and advised the Scouts to play a worthy part in life Sri A. Paul William, Secretary, Local Scout Association, Saidapet Taluk, spoke about the life of Lord Baden Powell at the visitors' hour. Sri M. Ram Mohan, Assistant State Organising Commissioner, who was present throughout the Camp was of great help. The Camp Fires were presided over by Sri A. S. Johnson and Sri Elias Vanagaraj.

The Indian boys are also evidently adepts, where encouraged, in arts and crafts making things. My only regret here was that in some cases they were imitating articles made in Europe when it would have been far more profitable and interesting were they to develope some of their own arts and maintain the beauties of Indian design and manufacture.

I suggest for instance that Troop funds might be earned by making Indian curios of good type for which we could secure a very paying market while encouraging the artistic designing powers of the boys themselves.

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Our Districts at Work

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT

Three hundred Bulbuls and Cubs of Conjeevaram, met at a rally on 26-1-55, under the presidency of Dr. Rajappa Miss Grace Solomon, District Commissioner (Guides) addressed the children. Sri R. Messiah Doss, District Commissioner (Scouts) presented the warrant to the District Commissioner (Guides) and Himalaya Wood Badge Part II to Sri Athisayam Vethamony. Sri Edward Samuel, Assistant District Commissioner was in charge of the rally. Sri C Pakkiriswamy, Secretary, Local Association proposed a vote of thanks.

SOUTH MADRAS

The second District Cub Central Camp was conducted between 18-2-55 and 20-2-55 at the Arundale Camping Centre, Perungudi. Over 150 Cubs drawn from ten Packs from Mylapore, Adyar and T'Nagar shared the benefit of Camp life. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, inaugurating the Camp on 19-2-55 observed that Scouting imparted in children a sense of discipline and prepared them for selfless service towards the Country. He complimented the District on its good record of work

A Camp fire was held the same night at 8 P M. with Sri V S Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary as the Chief guest of honour. Sri Ratnasabhapathy declared the camp fire open and observed that the camp atmosphere was most congenial for the rapid development of the faculties of the children Sri U. Lakshmana, the owner of the Camp site, was very helpful in organising and conducting the camp.

2. The Annual Day of the District was celebrated at a rally on 27-2-1955 at P S. High School-Mylapore with Tiruppugazh Mani Sri T M, Krishnaswamy Iyer, President of the Advocates Association in the chair Garden games were conducted in the beginning for the benefit of the visitors The President unfurled the Scout Flag and carried out a review of the units Sri V A Ramachandra Iyer, Headmaster, P S High School and Vice-President welcomed the gathering A report of the activities of the District was presented by Sri V. G. G. Sarma, Secretary of the District. The Units then put nice demonstrations and displays in the places allotted for them.

Sri T R Kothandarama Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner, awarded Bharat Badges to T. L, K S Venkataraman (Prathaps) P L M. Gopalakrishnan (Prathaps) and T. L Subramaniam (Siddhartas) and Red All Round Cord to Troop Leaders K S. Venkataraman and Subramaniam The President Sri Krishnaswamy Iyer distributed Trophies and Cups to the winners in the District Competitions. He observed that he was deeply impressed by the excellent turn out of the Rally and wished that the entire nation caught the Scout spirit of service and readiness. Sri C R. Pattabhi Raman, President of the District, proposed a vote of thanks and mentioned in brief the varied activities of the District Sri H Ramanathan, the District Commissioner (Scouts) supported by Miss A. Sakuntala, District Commissioner (Guides) was the Officer in charge of the Rally. Sri K. Rajagopalan, District Rover Scout Leader did a lot of good work in this connection.

WEST TANJORE

Kumbakonam Local Association

Fifty Scouts, Guides, Scouters and Guiders of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Local Association, Kumbakonam participated in the " Youth Rally " held at Madras in honour of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 17th January and took part in the pageantry, specially organised in that connection.

A special Rally was conducted on 6th Feb. '55 by the Local Association, Kumbakonam, in honour of the visit of Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav to our town. The Scouters and Guiders of Kumbakonam presented an address to Mrs Clubwala in honour of her having been conferred the title " Padma Shri " by the Government of India.

EAST MADRAS

The East Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides celebrated their Annual Day on the 26th February at Wenlock Park, Triplicane with Mr. T. P Sundaram, Officer-in-charge of Malayan Establishments, Avadi in the Chair. Sri A. M. Murugappa Chettiar, President of the Association welcomed the distinguished visitors and Dr P. Seshagiri Rao, Assistant Secretary, presented the Annual Report After an interesting Fancy Dress Competition, Mrs. Sundaram distributed the prizes. Then there was a variety Entertainment which was well appreciated. Sri S. Amudachari, Chairman of the Executive Committee, proposed a vote of thanks.

The Eighteenth Anniversary celebration of the Buddha Scout Group was celebrated on Sunday the 6th February 1955 at Wenlock Park, Triplicane under the presidency of Sri T. Balakrishna Nayar, M A (Oxon) M A., (Madras) Principal, Presidency College, Triplicane. Sri V Ramalinga Iyer welcomed the visitors and the chief guest of evening Sri B Ramaswamy, Group Leader read the Annual report for the year 1954 Sri S Amudachari, B A , B L , addressed the gathering on ' Scouting and Education '. Mrs. Balakrishna Nayar distributed the Trophies and Prizes for the winners in various sports and competitions held for the occasion.

Sri A Rangarajan R. S. L proposed a vote of thanks.

The Cubs, Scouts and Rovers enacted two Tamil farces and an English plot written by 'C.R' entitled " Mehtas' permit ".

Garden Games, Sports for Gents, Ladies and children were arranged for the visitors of the function

SOUTH ARCOT

Twenty-two Scouts of the Vridhagiri Scout Troop of the Board High School, Vriddhachalam went on an excursion trip to Manavalanallore, two miles off Vriddhachalam and camped at the Kolanchiappar Koil premises from 10 A M. to 4-30 P.M. on 12-2-1955.

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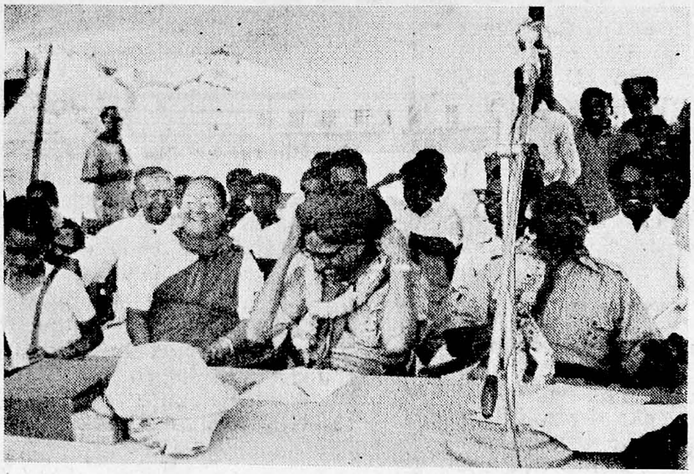
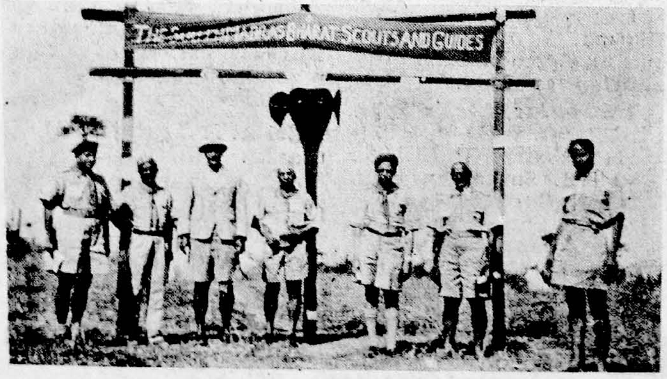


Mr. K. Venkataswamy Naidu, Mrs. I. Roy Chatterjee, & Mr. J. I. Muthiah, are here in a happy mood.

A Scene in the Kathakali By Scouts and Guides of Kollengode



The South Madras Cubs Central Camp at Perungudi

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